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INFORMATION RELEASE

The Rockford Police Department will honor ten citizens in a graduation ceremony from the Department's Citizens Police Academy on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Rockford City Hall. Graduates, their guests and past graduates will have an opportunity to observe the K-9 and Bomb Squad Robot demonstrations.

For the past eight weeks, these ten citizens have spent two hours each Wednesday evening attending training sessions focused on educating citizens on the value of engagement in the public safety process. The citizens have learned about police related topics including Field and Investigative Services Bureau operations, 911 Center operations, and the Mayor's vision for the City, Community Policing, Crime Prevention, Drug and Gang awareness, Criminal Laws and City Ordinances, Identity Theft, and Organizing and Maintaining a Neighborhood Watch Group.

The program was designed to inform and educate citizens who will return to their neighborhoods to organize, encourage and mobilize others to partner with the police to reduce crime in Rockford. The Citizens Police Academy is a required component for those citizens wishing to participate in the Citizens Assisting Police Volunteer Program.

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